

Lamoine Conservation Commission

Minutes from meeting June 12, 2002

Attendance: Committee members: Fred Stocking, Nancy Pochan, Pat Wallace, Bill Dickey
Alternate Carol Korty
Citizens: Jo Cooper, Ken Smith

07:07 meeting called to order by Fred Stocking.

Reviewed minutes from May 15th meeting. Approved by Pat Wallace 2nd by Nancy Pochan
Bill told to email minutes to Stu Markoon.

Fred saw clipping of Conservation Committee in Ellsworth Weekly, wants it for history.

Pat's report from May's Planning board meeting. Past out minutes from planning and appeals boards meeting.

Planning Board

Carol Korty was at both meetings. Planning board discussed the Miro property on Route 184. Mr. Miro discussed flattening his land down to road level and put up affordable housing. He should have to go by the ordinances of Lamoine. Doesn't have time to go through the planning board. He wants too good for the town. Carol said she want to discuss this with him. There is past history with this property, extraction of gravel.

Johnson property on Shore Road also discussed. Expanding his boat yard. Rev. Holt family concerned.

Appeal Board

Discussions about the Doug Gott gravel pit. Board went to site with Doug Gott and Steve Salisbury. No maps of reclamation. Looked at slopes with good soil.

Committee had discussion of what is aloud for fill in filling in a gravel pit. No stumps from other properties. Can put what is on property now in hole.

Fred got the ordinance. Appeal board said everything done. Gentlemen's agreement every new land opened reclaims old. Don't get ahead (lawyer legal). Restore to 2.5 to 1.

Questions about dumping vegetation in gravel pit for fill. Ken Smith stump disposal won't hurt the water supply.

DEP – bury where you dug them up, make stump part of restoration.

Gott's intent opens the whole area and restore as he goes.

Appeal board let it go through.

Question: Who is going to check water levels at the gravel pits? Extra work for CEO. Should something be written into ordnance about this? Water level different for spring and fall.

Fred vision of gravel pits after gravel gone. Can you build houses on them? Take gravel down to 5 feet from water table.

Can we make ordinances about gravel pits they can only go 2% grade from road? Take only whats higher than the road. Other places this is the way it's done.

Fred.

Discussion of what area will look like after gravel gone. Fred talked about geological study on Maine. There are 3 different Maine's. Should we get more information of this? Jo Cooper mentioned Megan Jeager of Salisbury Cove who might ^{man} be able to do visual representation of this. ^{of alternative} Jenny Reynolds, Junior at MDI High School, ask her if she would like to sit in on Committee about water quality. Make people aware of whats going on. Pat brought up a moratorium on well drilling in Castine. For 6 months. Wants study done on their water supply. Have to use water better.

Nancy: Future might be Castine would be buying water from Lamoine. Water more valuable than gravel. Fred ground water declared public like ponds and lakes.

Carol Korty what can be done with the scooped out pits? Pat they can be reclaimed.

Question: How do we structure our work around all of this? Have people come and talk to us. Maine Planning Department. Who would attend? Summer good time to do this? Can we get a speaker for every issue?

Fred: town records. How to organize? Master list, natural resources. Put on computers. Different type of maps. Soils, roads, topographic. Old Maps jumbled. Have to find something to relate to. Examples: Tax maps of 1974 and soils map of 1974 hard to match up. Ken Smith talked about using a grid map; it wouldn't change over the years.

Pat: Water and the aquifer. She is learning all she can. Educating herself. Reading the gerber report. Needs help- how to tackle this.

Carol: does anybody know how Mary Orzel's water study is going. A lot of negative reactions. Mary was going to compare it to 1970's study. Aquifer not all around the town. There are other sources of water.

Concern for landfill, how will this effect other houses and water supplies.

What do we do with information we get? If don't use now it can be used in the future in the comprehensive plan, the building plan for the future.

Nancy: Forestry issue. Getting help from Ken Smith and George Brase. ^{our} Maine State Forestry Service.

Forestry Practices: Has to be reviewed by Maine State Forestry Service. Non binding. Bill in legislator to make it binding.

Use models of forestry practices, pick what's good for you.

Ken: get advice from Small Woodlot Association (Paul Miller, ^{Forester} Executive Director)

A forester will look to see what's good for you.

A concern for the membership – more state laws- taxes going up- people selling property can't afford to keep.

Sources for information: Doug Coleman- tours his property

University of Maine

Hancock County Forest Sustained Forest

Unity College

Get people involved in planting trees? Maine State Arbor free seedlings
Get kid from school to do community projects (plant trees).

Next meeting July 10, 2002.

Need feedback from planning board. What do they need from us?
Attending next planning board meeting, need time to discuss this. Pat is going.

Do we want to get speakers for next meeting?

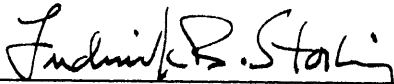
How do break logjam about gravel, water and forestry?

We need to find associate members. People with experience in different fields. Must have an ideal number.

Have someone from Cold Spring Water Co. come to talk to us.

Meeting adjourned 9:00

Approved as corrected, July 10, 2002



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Commission